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1. The Naval District of Kolobrzeg N 54-11, E 15-357 comprised the Polish Baltic seacoast between just west of Darlowo N 54-26, E 16-237, Overlay 1, Pt. 77 and Dziwnow N 54-02, E 14-467, Overlay 1, Pt. 17. This Naval District's Command had its Headquarters in Kolobrzeg, Overlay 2, Pt. 47 and was subordinate to the Gdynia Naval Headquarters only. The mission of this Command was to direct all naval affairs in the coastal area and the part of the Baltic Sea which bordered it.
2. The commanding officer of the Naval District, Kapitan CZESNIK, an artillery officer, was also base commander of the Kolobrzeg Naval Base. Until about 1949, the base commander was designated port commander. He held the rank of lieutenant commander in the Polish Navy. In addition to the commanding officer and his political officer, the District and Base Command comprised fifteen Polish naval officers of lower ranks and two naval guard companies. The political officer was a Soviet lieutenant, senior grade, a Polish - Russian by birth, who wore a Polish naval uniform.
3. Under the command of the Base CO were the following:
 - a. The Staff of the District and Base Command, Kolobrzeg.
 - b. The Naval Communications Center in Kolobrzeg.
 - c. The two naval guard companies stationed in Kolobrzeg.

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- d. The coastal artillery unit in Kolobrzeg.
 - e. Five observation points on the seacoast.
 - f. Polish Naval vessels during their stay in any of the harbors within the Naval District of Kolobrzeg.

4. Offices and quarters of the District and Base Command Staff and of the commanding officer were accommodated in a building, Overlay 2, Pt. 47, as part of a building complex, Overlay 2, Pt. 57 which was located in the area between the harbor of Kolobrzeg, Overlay 2, Pt. 67 and the beach, Overlay 2, Pt. 27, southwest of the harbor entrance, Overlay 2, Pt. 17. The building complex comprised one main building Overlay 2, Pt. 47 which formerly served as a hotel for merchant seamen, and several other buildings in its immediate vicinity which were erected after 1945. See Sketch. The entire complex was surrounded by two fences; the inner one was of wire mesh and the outer one of barbed wire.

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5. The Naval Communications Center or Headquarters of Observation and Communication, Section No. 3, was housed in a three-story building, Overlay 2, Pt. 17, located one to two kilometers south of the District Command buildings, Overlay 2, Pt. 57.

6. Two Naval guard companies (Kompania Wartownicze made up of Polish Naval personnel, were stationed at the District Command Headquarters. These guard companies were between 120 to 140 strong each. They were quartered in the main building of the District Command. Their armament consisted solely of light infantry weapons, such as rifles, pistols, and machine guns. The two companies were at the disposal of the Base commander. Their duties consisted of guarding the naval buildings in Kolobrzeg. The duty schedule provided for two or three days' guard duty for one company while the other company trained.

7. A total of five observation points were maintained along the entire seacoast which made up the Kolobrzeg Naval District. Of these five points only three were operative during my presence. The remaining two were non-operative because of lack of personnel, but I heard that they were reopened in October 1951. The locations of the observation points were as follows:

- a. Niechorze N 54-06, E 15-047, Overlay 1, Pt. 27. The observation point proper was located about one kilometer west of this town. See RC-1906.
- b. Mrzezyno N 54-09, E 15-187, Overlay 1, Pt. 37. I do not know any details on this observation point.
- c. Gaski N 54-14, E 15-537, Overlay 1, Pt. 57. The observation point was located in the dunes about one kilometer west of the Gaski lighthouse.
- d. Dziwnow, Overlay 1, Pt. 17. I do not know any details.
- e. This observation point was located on one of the two peninsulas Overlay 1, Pt. 67, separating Lake Bukowo (Jezioro Bukowo) from the Baltic Sea.

Annexes:

Overlay 1: Overlay to Mapa Polski, skala 1:500,000, sheet No. 1, Szczecin

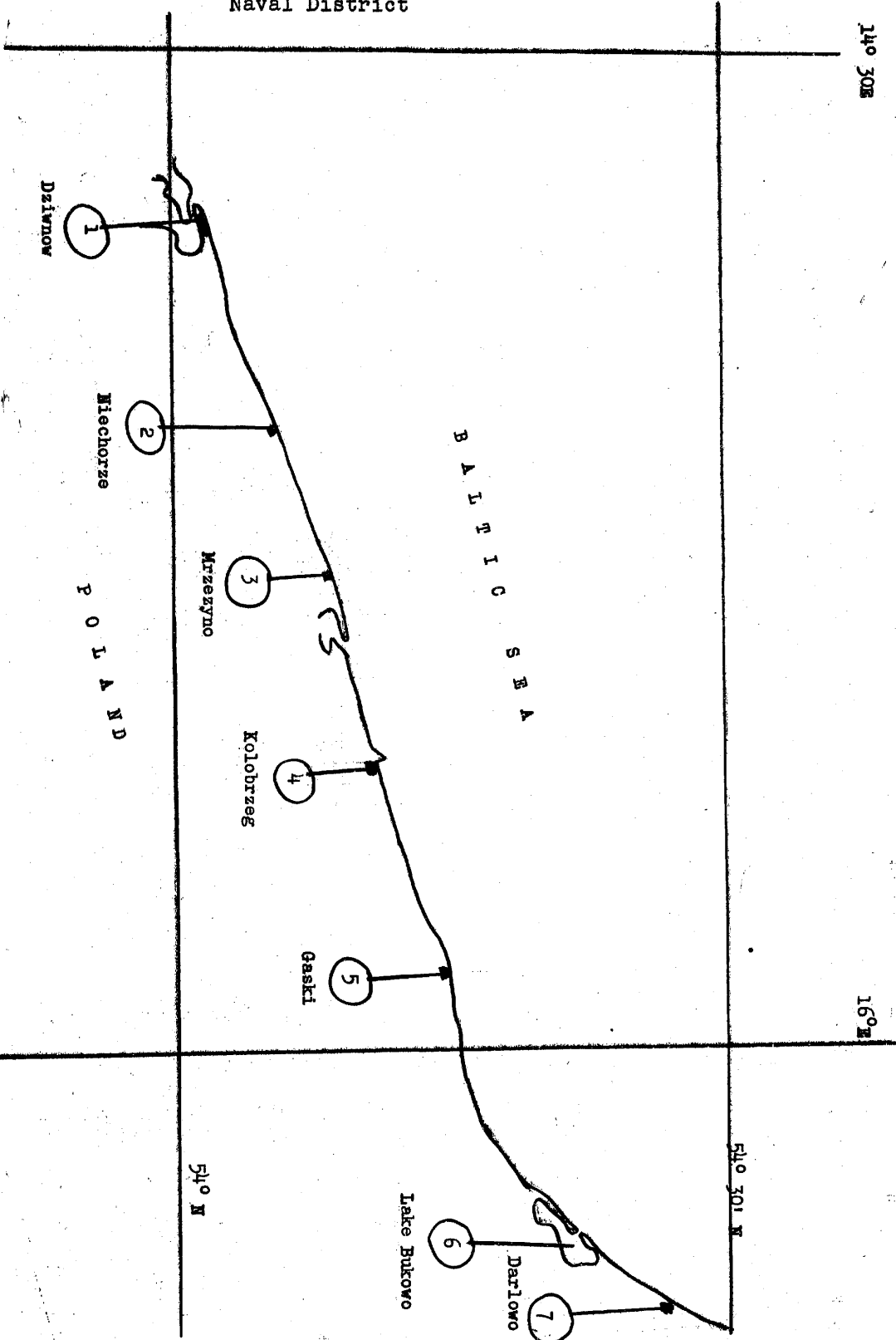
Overlay 2: Overlay to a Kolberg city plan (a German Pharosplan), scale 1:7,000.

Sketch of the district command buildings in Kolobrzeg, not to scale.

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Overlay # 1: Overlay to Mapa Polski, skala 1:500,000, sheet No. 1, Szczecin, showing observation points of the Kolobrzeg Naval District

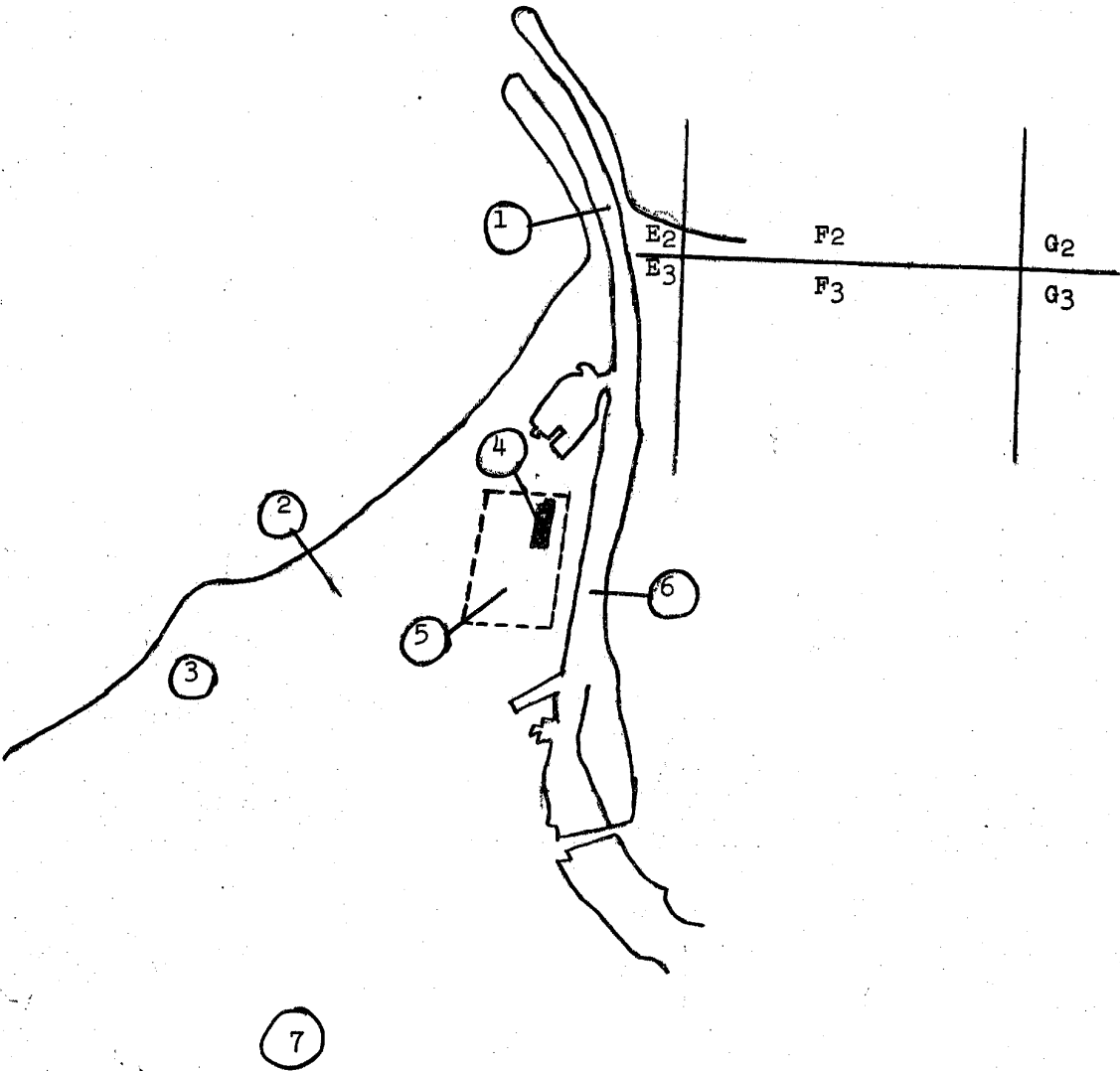


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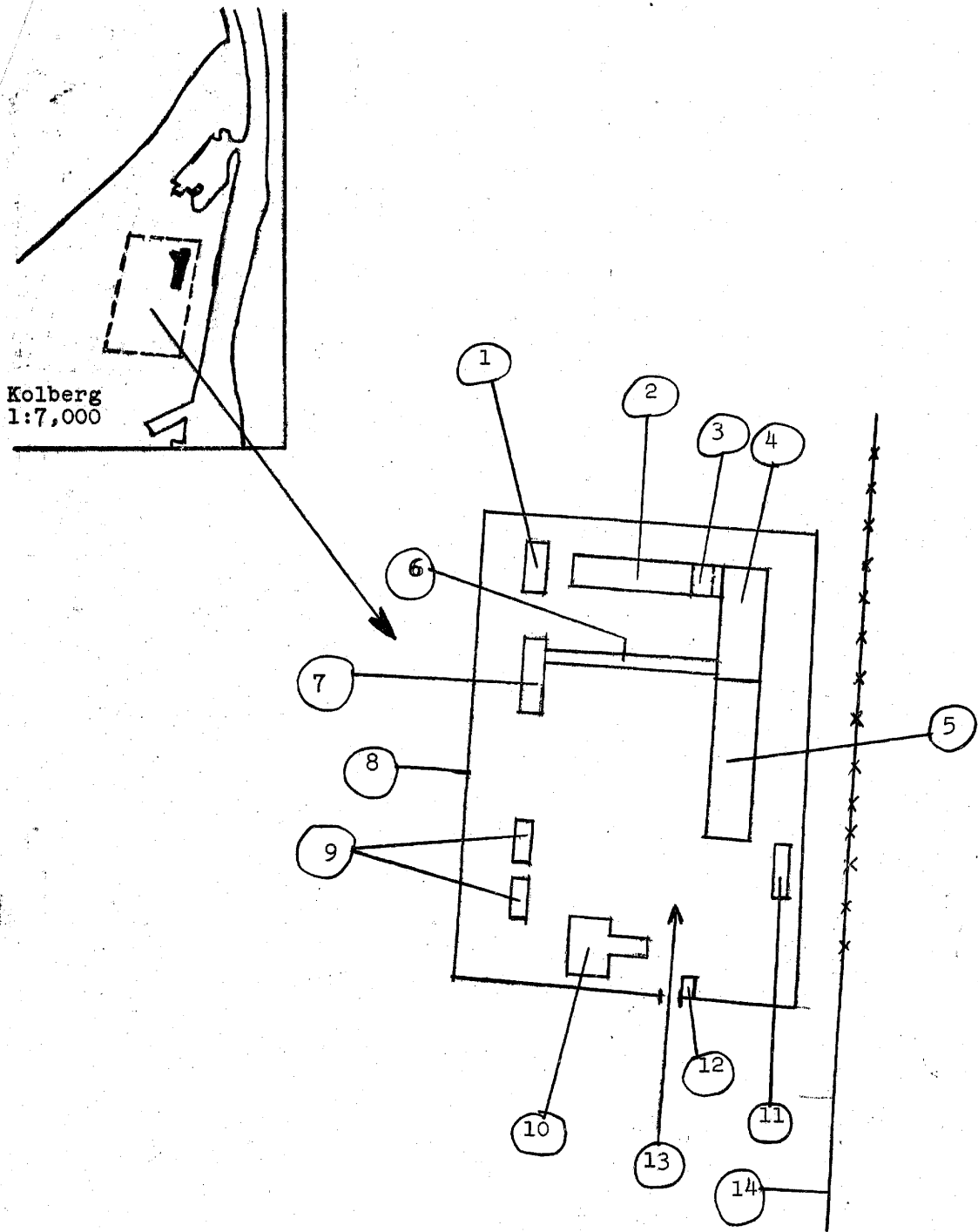
Overlay # 2: Overlay to a Kolberg city plan (a German Pharusplan), scale 1:7,000, showing quarters and offices of the District and Base Command Staff of the Naval District of Kolobrzeg



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Rough layout sketch of the district command buildings in Kolobrzeg,
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1. Chemical Warfare Training Room: about five meters square.
2. Magazine: for food, uniforms, and marine parts.
3. Passageway.
4. Hospital: 10 beds; staffed by one doctor and two hospital corpsmen.
5. Naval Base Headquarters Office: quarters for the guard company were on the third floor.
6. Passageway: long; led to small building, [Ft. 7, below]; part of this passage was used for storage of flour.
7. Building: accommodated a tailor shop, a shoe repair shop, and showers.
8. Barbed wire fence.
9. Magazines: for building materials, such as cement, lime, and steel.
10. Guardhouse and Stockade.
11. Mechanical Workshop.
12. Shelter: for guard at gate.
13. Entrance: this was the only entrance.
14. Brick Wall.

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